



The Aruba Post Office announces their annual UNESCO essay contest

On Friday, August 17, Jennifer Kock, Head of Marketing and Philately of the Aruba Post and Director Kees van Nederkassel the commencement of the annual essay contest. Beginning on August 20, youngsters from the ages of ten to fifteen are encouraged to present an essay, written in the form of a letter to the world. This year's topic is "Why the world needs more tolerance," and must be written in the form of letter to be judged. Any of the languages commonly spoken in Aruba are acceptable; English, Dutch, Papiamentu and Spanish. Teachers at all the schools have rules and entry forms for the students to submit their work.

Letters must be presented at the main post office in Oranjestad by September 21, and a panel of judges will announce their decision on October 12 as to the three winning letters. First prize in the contest are three round trip tickets to Miami, second prize is a Lenovo Laptop Computer donated by Antraco, and the third prize is a four day/three night stay at The Mill Resort for a family.

Last year's winning essay was sent to Switzerland for the 37th International Letter Writing Competition for Young People, organized by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) along with UNESCO, which will be done this year's winning letter.

According to Jennifer Kock, the post office feels that a theme of "Why the World needs more Tolerance" is "both timely and appropriate for an island like Aruba, with many different cultural backgrounds. Harmony and coexistence among all people who populate this island is a noble objective to be approached for all of us, particularly the kids." The objective of the annual project is to provide incentive for young people to think and write about important issues, and contribute to the culture of the island. Last year's competition was a great success, and they have great expectations for this year's competition. Entry forms and rules can also be obtained at the post office.